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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please make the following preliminary amendments under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 to the Claims of International Application PCT/US94/00925 herewith filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 for patent in the United States. Claims 3, 7 and 14-16 are amended. Claims 20-22 are cancelled. A new Claim 23 is added. Support for new Claim 23 is on page 2, page 4, lines 19-24; lines 29-33 and page 6, lines 1-4. Added Claim 23 is the same as allowed Claim 2 in the abandoned parent application, Serial No. 08/042,371.

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